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HELLO EVERYONE,

WE HAVE PURCHASED A MARKER FOR DADDY'S GRAVE AND SURELY DESIRE ALL THE CHILDREN TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF HELPING TO PAY FOR THIS MARKER IF THEY SO WISH.

IF THERE IS ADDITIONAL MONEY OVER THE COSTS IT WILL BE PUT IN THE GENEALOGICAL FUND UNLESS YOU STATE YOUR DESIRE THAT IT BE RETURNED TO YOU.

AS OF MY LAST INQUIRY ALL WAS WELL WITH OUR FAMILIES IN SALT LAKE. EACH WITH THEIR PROBLEMS, THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES. THE LITTLE FAMILIES ARE ON THE INCREASE, AND LIFE SEEMS TO BE FULL OF ACTIVITY.

SURELY HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU AND YOURS.

LOVE AND BEST WISHES,

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He was born March 8, 1872, in Salt Lake City, a son of Amos Milton and Mary White Musser. He was editor of "Truth" from the time of its founding 19 years ago until about seven years ago, when he retired. He had been in ill health about five years.

Mr. Musser is survived by three widows, Lucy K., Rose B., and Ellis S. Musser; 17 sons and daughters, Milton Musser, Panama Canal Zone; Mrs. Francis M. Kirkham and Mrs. Rulon Stevenson, San Francisco; Mrs. Joseph E. Tillotson, Colusa, Cal.; Mrs. Lorraine Tyndale, Los Angeles; Mrs. Kenneth Weaver, Provo; Mrs. Riley Richards, Pleasant Grove; Mrs. Cleo D. Wright, and Mrs. C. W. Belcher, Murray, and Guy Musser, Mrs. E. O. Wallen, Mrs. Lynden Mather, Mrs. David I. Jackson, and Rose, Jo Anne, Amos and Helen Musser, all of Salt Lake City.

He also is survived by 70 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and five brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at 260 E. South Temple, where friends may call Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday prior to services.

Burial will be in Salt Lake City Cemetery.